

# Teach-in proves huge success

AN action-packed end ensured the success of the first big carp Pro-Fish course at Bury Hill Fisheries.

Organised by Gardner Tackle and Carp Company baits, six anglers took part in the tuition day and, despite a dip in the weather and the fish being distinctly moody, the results were superb.

A team of tutors, led by Gardner's Chris Maltby, helped with key aspects of carp fishing including rig tying, casting and baiting up.

The six anglers put what they'd learned to good effect and in the last couple of hours of the course the Old Bury Hill fish played ball.

Essex father-and-son team Les and Colin Tewson, from Loughton, bagged fish of 6 lb 11 oz and 15 lb 7 oz respectively. The pair, who've been carping a year gave the course a massive thumbs-up.

But the highlight of the day was the last-gasp catches taken by Upminster 13-year-old Nick Payne and his dad, Dave.

As the 8pm finish to the course loomed, Nick's bite alarm roared into action and, after a hectic scrap, he banked a personal best 21 lb 6 oz mirror.

As the scales swung past the 20 lb mark Nick turned to dad Dave and said: "Come on it's your turn."

The carp obviously heard the instruction and within minutes Dave's reel went into meltdown as a 10 lb 8 oz mirror tore off with his Carp Company boilie.

As he posed with the fish half the size of his young son's, Dave made his excuses: "I didn't want a big one," he said, "cos I don't want to get my shirt dirty!"

● There is a string of Pro-Fish courses taking place at Bury Hill this Summer, call the fishery on 01306 883621 for details.



**TOP: Nick Payne cradles the fish of his dreams, an Old Bury Hill 21-pounder. ABOVE left: A 15 lb 7 oz common is about to be slipped back by Loughton angler Colin Tewson. ABOVE right: Gardner Tackle's Chris Maltby gives 13-year-old Nick expert tuition. RIGHT: Dave Payne makes sure his 10-pounder doesn't dirty his shirt!**

